

REMARKS

This reply is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 14, 2007. Claims 1-22 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Objections

Claim 3 is objected to because the status identified should be "previously presented" not "currently amended." Applicant has made the correction.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 102(a)

Claims 1-8 and 10-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Liu et al. (Article: "Polymer-Incorporated Iron Catalysts for Ethylene Polymerization"; hereafter "Liu"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that Liu is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 to the claimed invention as established by the attached affidavit and supporting evidence of prior invention in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.131. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 and 10-22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by Jin et al. (CN Patent Application No. 1352204A; hereafter "Jin"). Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that Jin is not prior art under 35 U.S.C. § 102 to the claimed invention as established by the attached affidavit and supporting evidence of prior invention in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.131. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 USC § 103

Claim 9 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu or Jin. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection on grounds that neither Liu nor Jin is prior art to the claimed invention as established by the attached affidavit and supporting evidence of prior invention in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.131. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that the declaration would be effective if signed by all the inventors. Attached please find the declaration now signed by all the inventors. Due to time constraints, each inventor has signed a separate copy, but the declaration is exactly the same. Thank you for reconsidering this declaration.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicant invites the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any issues outstanding which have not been addressed to the Examiner's satisfaction. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 05-1712, for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Respectfully submitted,

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